

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Washington, D. C. 20231

**BOX PCT**

Sir:

Prior to calculation of claim fees and examination, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please insert the following Abstract at the end of the specification, which is also provided herewith on a separate sheet:

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A protective coating which is removable with a removing agent comprising a strong base, which protective coating comprises a pigment, a weak base and a binder, the binder being a polymer having a weight-average molecular weight of 10,000-100,000 and an acid value of 40-250. A protective agent and a method for forming the protective coating.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, between the title of the application and the first paragraph, insert the heading --Background of the Invention--.

Page 3, between lines 16 and 17, insert the heading --Brief Description of the Invention--.

Page 4, between lines 15 and 16, insert the heading --Detailed Description of the Invention--.

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